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1. On 28 October 1953, the Pionier Kaserne in Fuerstenwalde was occupied by about 300 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank, motor transport and signal insignia. On 21 October, two rocket launchers of 130-mm [REDACTED] and truck [REDACTED] entered the installation through the gate on Garten Strasse, coming from the direction of Braunsdorfer Strasse. On 27 and 28 October, 6 to 8 T-34/85 tanks [REDACTED] were seen in the training area east of the barracks installation, moving toward Waldschaenke. On 22 October, about 100 soldiers followed by two trucks carrying luggage were played from the barracks installation toward the railroad station. [REDACTED]

2. On 28 October, the barracks installation on Braunsdorfer Strasse was occupied by about 350 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, signal or motor transport insignia. No training activity was noticed at the installation on 23 and 25 October. [REDACTED]

3. On 26 October, the barracks installation on Braunsdorfer Strasse was occupied by about 200 troops. On 24 October, 26 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and carrying full pack marched along Braunsdorf Strasse toward the barracks installation. On the same day, two 132-mm rocket launchers [REDACTED] entered the installation, coming from the direction of Ketschenhof. [REDACTED]

4. On 15 October, about 60 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including 30 men with artillery insignia and 30 with motor transport insignia were seen in the yard of the Fliegerhorst Kaserne. No training activity was noticed. On 19 October, source determined that the country roads around the airfield were furrowed by fresh tank tracks. However, source did not see any vehicles between 15 and 19 October. [REDACTED]

5. On 16 October, 24 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and carrying luggage were seen marching along Linden Strasse toward the Pionier Kaserne.

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6. On 16 October, 1 officer and 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen at Fuerstenwalde railroad station. On 20 October, 8 officers with red-bordered golden epaulets and 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including 75 percent with artillery insignia and 25 with motor transport insignia arrived at Fuerstenwalde railroad station aboard the regular train from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder.<sup>2</sup>

7. On 23 October, the Pionier Kaserne was occupied by 250 to 300 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets and including about 75 percent with tank insignia. About 15 soldiers reconditioned obstacles on the motor vehicle training site northwest of the installation. T-34/85 tank [ ] was identified with the troops. Another medium tank was seen moving along the road to Bushholz. Two T-34/85 tanks [ ] and 1 T-34 tank engaged in driving practice on the drill grounds about noon and T-34/85 tanks [ ] entered the barracks installation at about 4 p.m. No regular training activity was noticed in the billeting area. [ ]

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8. On 23 October, the barracks installation on Braunsdorfer Strasse was occupied by 350 to 400 troops. About 50 percent of them wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and were quartered in the western section of the installation and about 50 percent wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and were quartered in the eastern section of the installation. About 100 to 120 soldiers with carbines fell in in front of three buildings in the western section. About 100 unarmed soldiers and about 20 trucks were seen between the garages in the eastern section. No regular training activity or vehicular traffic was noticed.

9. On 23 October, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne was occupied by about 250 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including 50 percent with artillery insignia, 10 to 15 percent with motor transport insignia and other soldiers without branch-of-service insignia. No training activity was noticed in the billeting area. Eight trucks were observed in the garages northeast of the loading ramp. The other bays stood empty. Bunks were loaded onto a truck by a hoisting gear mounted on a truck at the loading ramp.

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was at the post with all of its units.

2. [ ] Comment. Information probably refers to a personnel exchange movement.

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